

PROTECTION OF CIVILIAN
EMPLOYEES

HON. BILL FRENZEL

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 1973

Mr. FRENZEL. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I introduced H.R. 7677, a bill designed to protect civilian employees of our executive branch in the enjoyment of their constitutional rights and to prohibit unwarranted invasions of their privacy. It is the same bill as S. 1688 which has been introduced and championed by Senator ERVIN.

In introducing this bill, I wish to express my thanks to the distinguished Senator from North Carolina, Mr. ERVIN. His leadership and dedicated efforts have produced this bill, which is designed to protect the rights of our Federal civilian employees.

Senator ERVIN has managed to pass his proposal in the Senate on four separate occasions. In each case the bill has died, as it did in the 92d Congress, here in the House. It is my understanding that hearings will be conducted soon in the Post Office and Civil Service Committee. This year, I hope that a thorough study of this bill in that committee will demonstrate to the committee members the need for legislation of this kind and that the bill will become law this year. No remarks that I could make about this bill would be more clear or more persuasive than those used by Senator ERVIN on page S8165 of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on May 2 when he introduced the bill.

It is time to give better legislative protection to our concept of a free society. I believe that we should guarantee our employees, regardless of grade or status, a full respect for their liberties and freedoms. I urge that H.R. 7677 receive the serious consideration that it deserves in this House.

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Hearings on House Ervin-type bills (invasion of privacy of Federal employees) begin 14-15 May before Representative Waldie's Subcommittee on Retirement and Employee Benefits.

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Invasion of Privacy: Rep. Jerome J. Waldie's (D-Calif.) Employee Benefits subcommittee begins hearings the 15th on legislation that would curtail management snooping in government. Meantime, Sen. Sam. J. Ervin (D-N.C.) already has enough cosponsors for his federal employee "bill of rights" to win Senate passage, again.

The anti-snooping legislation, which would also bar arm-twisting in fund drives and social events, has sailed through the Senate each year but bogged down on the House side. Backers believe the story will be different now that Waldie's subcommittee has taken jurisdiction on that side of the Capitol.

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RIGHT TO PRIVACY —

Rep. Jerome Waldie, D-Calif., chairman of the House Civil Service Employee Benefits subcommittee, announces that his group will hold hearings on federal employees' rights to privacy. Legislation is pending before the subcommittee to protect federal em-

ployes against agency snooping into their private affairs.